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Letter from Anne Whitney, Paris, France, to Sarah Whitney, 1875 December 18

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Paris - Dec. 18 - 75

My dear Sarah - Your letter
from D. M. came Thurs. just
a week from the date of Edward's
Also a letter from Aunt E.
claiming in which she spoke
of her joyful surprise on
finding you at Church & of you
& Edward visit - at their house.
I hope the journey will prove
a pleasant diversion & break
in the long D. Eng. winter.

We read of tremendous cold
& tempests ^{at home} & conclude that
on the whole your blip is a
luxury that may be left to the
two extremes of human condition
those who can be no worse & ^{those who}
^{can be} no better off. We touch upon
the shortest days & the last
few days are the best we have
known. Mr. Perodessus called
on us last evng. - he has been in
Paris 2 or 3 winters & says this

is ^{an} uncommonly pleasant season!

You never told me whether you gave the book you talked of giving to him - to Mr Morrison. He wanted a vol. of the same when he was here & read out of it the ballad of the Oregon at Mrs. Hemmings's lecture. The picture wh. Raphael made to illustrate the poem is in the Louvre - but I wrote Mrs. H that I never carried that author about with me. wh. was only half true.

Mrs. Couture & family having gone to their country-house for a week. Adeline has been going out there for the last 4 days & takes her lessons. She lunches with them & gets back at 6 o'clk. in the Evng. She is having a very good time with her painting & I can't be sufficiently grateful that she has fallen into such clover & picturesque.

I have learned that Mrs. Lippincott (S. Greenwood) is next door to us, writing home letters from Paris.

She is by no means well - I mean & call soon.

Will you try to find out the name of that glass for photographs which you saw - I know not how to ask for it without a name. I should not know whether what I might find were the stereoscope wh. I am acquainted with - like Mr. Flint's for example - or that which you want. If it is a good thing no doubt it may be found here.

When Mr. & Mrs. Wheeler (Eng. wh.) left last Wednesday an American came by the name of Reed stopped into their place. ~~Who~~ is descended she says from the Kings of Holland. She is from N. Y. & has 5 trunks - in which I imagine she carries the bones of her ancestors. She is not unamusing.

I do not know if I told you of my projected new overcoat - broadcloth - lined

I wadded & bordered with
fur. I t. came home a de-
cided triumph & comfortable
& handsome garment. ^{Sunday 19th} I shall now
I am very well off. I wish only that
I had bought 3 marine Shrimons
instead of two. Because the laundress
returns the wash Monday when she takes
the clothes. To supply this lack I have
for ever 3 weeks the ordinary steel hair
pins. & the occasional return to this
uncomfortable gear has decided my mind
on the subject of S. S. Next to the
telegraph I consider them the first
invention of the age. & close me for
boiling you so unconsciously on this
theme - I trust the moral being it has
will excuse it. A string or a band
around the waist has been a doubt
not the hidden cause of many a
dark domestic tragedy.

I hope to write to Mary today -
The last few letters do not speak
of Harry - When have you heard from
Susan - & how is she?

We both send love to you all. & rejoice
in your well-being. Thank Sister Sarah
B. for me for the readings which have
saved your eyes -

The pleasant days continue - White frost
every morning. Best love to the Orange
family.

A. I will write to Mr. if I can.

"C. M. D. 11."
Don't know what you mean by the advertisement